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The Honorable Dave Cogdill
State Capitol, Room 4117
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: Comments for Meeting on Goods Movement Action Plan

Dear Assemblyman Cogdill:

On behalf of the City of Clovis we ask for you to advocate with this committee on our behalf to give serious consideration for additional funding for projects within the San Joaquin Valley of California. For decades, this region of the State has been neglected and shortchanged with respect to all manner of tax allocation from the State and Federal governments. As a result, we now have the distinction of rates of poverty and concentrations of poverty greater than the Appalachia Region of the United States.

We understand that this committee is now considering a recommendation to perpetuate this unconscionable practice by once again depriving the region of important funding that would assist in the economic renewal and forward movement of the San Joaquin Valley and its important contributions to the economy of the region and this state. While the San Joaquin Valley's leaders are united in working on regional strategies for economic renewal and elimination of poverty, it is also shouldering a large part of the population growth in California. And a large portion will be California's working poor. With only \$300,000,000 of the total \$14,000,000,000 (that's just 2%) to be allocated to the Central Valley, we urge this committee to send the proposal back for more work and allow the San Joaquin Valley Partnership to provide a more meaningful fair allocation. It is both unfair and a poor statement of investment, or lack of, in the needs of all Californians. Please don't continue to neglect the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

NATHAN MAGSIG
Mayor
City of Clovis

cc: Clovis City Council
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Council of Fresno County Governments
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